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# LET THE WOMAN IN MURDER MYSTERY

## EIGHTEEN KILLED WHEN SINN FEIN FIGHTS MILITARY

(By International News Service.)  
DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Troop reinforcements were today rushed to the mountains of Tipperary where 18 persons were killed and many were wounded in a pitched battle between soldiers and Sinn Fein.  
A detachment of British troops was ambushed near Mullinahone. The fire of the attackers was returned and soon an engagement was raging with the combatants shooting from behind trees and boulders. It was like a battle between Indians and colonists in the early days of America.  
According to latest accounts from the scene the Sinn Fein lost 10 killed, 40 prisoners and many wounded. The casualties of the crown forces were eight killed and a few wounded.  
The first accounts of the fighting received here were vague. They said that a battle of magnitude was raging and that the indications were that the casualties would be heavy.  
The scene was said to be an "inaccessible mountain fastness." Ambulances were sent to the seat of trouble as well as troops. One rumor said that 30 republicans had been killed but this figure was later cut down to ten.

## ADOPT HOME RULE BILL.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Irish home rule bill, which was adopted by the house of lords, was adopted by the house of commons today. The measure now needs only the royal signature to become a law.

## "SILENT SANTA" MAKES READY TO CARRY HIS CHEER

BY A. GOODFELLOW.  
Goodfellow, your work for 1920 is underway. Tuesday deliveries began. The Silent Santa Claus made his rounds in the city. You who contributed early now can sit back and figure how it feels to be Kris Kringle.  
Your work of delivery yet is to come. The storekeepers of the Goodfellow-Santa Claus club at the Y. M. C. A. are one huge toy, food and clothing shop. Many barrels of good things have gone to the place which prepare dinners for many kids. But there remains toys that would delight the hearts of the rich children, funny little horses, soldiers, dolls, blue eyes, and hair-dolls, drums, barrels of rosy, red apples, juicy yellow oranges, candles, red striped sticks, and chocolates that melt in your mouth; sacks of flour heaped in regular mounds; potatoes in bushel baskets, plump fat turkeys that surely will taste fine—say Goodfellow, it is some sight, that's all.  
Thursday delivery of toys will begin. Then Friday comes the Silent Santa Claus' time to carry to the homes of the needy baskets with foodstuffs for the Christmas table. Here's a plea. We need touring cars for Thursday. We need them bad. And we need help to sort, pack and aid in delivery. How many of you have those cars that can be given for the day to this service. Come along. Drive it yourself and be a Goodfellow.  
Fifty trucks have been placed at the disposal of my coworkers. We need other trucks. It's going to be a hard pull to get to all the families who are listed for a visit from the Santa Claus club. Get in the line of trucks for the Christmas table early Thursday and Friday mornings.  
What's more, Goodfellow, we have not been overlooking appeals from the territory. With the aid of Uncle Sam, who is the prime Goodfellow after all, we have forwarded to various families in this territory baskets and packages that will bring cheer to the hearts of many youngsters. Goodfellow, we have many young-stering towns have come nobly to our aid this season. And we are not going to forget that in these places there are those who are unfortunate who need the essentials of life as well as possibly a toy or so to make some very country girl or boy keep the faith.  
Monday the clothing division will swing into action. Orders will be given those applying for wearing apparel. At the various stores and clothing establishments in Memphis will be Goodfellows who will take care of all orders. Stockings and shoes for the school kiddies, a nice warm shawl for the old lady whose frail body feels sharply the winter chill, a coat for the man whose sleeves are worn through at the elbows and whose trousers are but a remnant of their former usefulness. All but me stress this on you, those of you who have not assisted with the Silent Santa Claus. Just because we have begun deliveries don't think that our funds are sufficient to take care of all the pleas that come to the club. Not by a long shot. Funds are way short of last Christmas and the appeals far outnumber those of 1919.  
Send along that check. My address is the Goodfellows' Santa Claus club, The News-Scimitar.

## Oh, Yes, Yes, Yes! This Settles It!

"Now, Mr. Davis, you have completely failed to prove to my mind that Juanita White and Margaret Hernandez are not vagrants. According to their own testimony they have done no work for three weeks, and I think that constitutes vagrancy," said Judge Barker in city court Monday.  
"If it please the court," said Ralph Davis, attorney for the defendants, "I will now give you an argument which should end the case at once. The fact that I am representing them proves that they have money."  
Spectators laughed, Judge Barker smiled, and Sgt. Cole grinned as he called the room to order.

## INSURANCE FIRMS QUIT MISSISSIPPI FOLLOWING SUITS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—One hundred and thirty-eight fire insurance companies are suspending their business in Mississippi where their aggregate covering policies amount to approximately \$1,250,000,000.  
This action is an outgrowth of a suit filed against them by the state revenue agent of Mississippi, charging that in collecting the same rates the companies have created a combination in restraint of trade.  
Announcement of the suspension was made here today by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.  
It was explained that the state revenue agent contends that the alleged violation of the antitrust laws of Mississippi subjects each company to a penalty of \$5,000 a day since Jan. 1, 1908, or an aggregate penalty of \$2,000,000,000.  
To enforce payment balance due to the companies in Mississippi and held by their agents have been garnished. This amounts to \$700,000.  
The penalty is accumulative and progressive, the statement said, and each day's continuance in business subjects each defendant company to a fine of \$5,000 more.  
The defendants which include re-insurance concerns, were summoned by copies served on the insurance commissioner of Mississippi as attorneys for process for all companies on Dec. 4 and the summonses are returnable in the January term of the chancery court, first district, in Hinds county, which begins Jan. 2.  
C. J. Doyle, of Springfield, Ill., has been retained as counsel to represent the defendant companies all of which have or will have suspended business before the return date in the summons, in order that judgment against them may not be had by default, the statement said.

## THREATEN TO CANCEL ALL RISKS IN EFFECT

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 21.—Unless a compromise can be reached on the garnishment feature of the state revenue agent's suit against fire insurance companies in Mississippi, it was said today by local underwriters that cancellations of all risks would immediately follow the order suspending business.

## ONLY POTATOES IN CONTROVERSY

A statement of The News-Scimitar Monday in which it was said that the state revenue agent of Mississippi, who is the prime Goodfellow after all, we have forwarded to various families in this territory baskets and packages that will bring cheer to the hearts of many youngsters. Goodfellow, we have many young-stering towns have come nobly to our aid this season. And we are not going to forget that in these places there are those who are unfortunate who need the essentials of life as well as possibly a toy or so to make some very country girl or boy keep the faith.  
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## POSSES SEEK WHITE DEGENERATE WITH SOOT SMEARED ON HIS FACE

Posses of private citizens and police Tuesday were scouring North Memphis for a fiend, believed to be a white man, who disguises himself by sooting his face and hands, following the criminal assault at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning on Mrs. A. B. Jeffries, age 53, at her home, 738 Mosby, and a similar but unsuccessful attack exactly 24 hours previous, on Mrs. John Brannon, aged 42, 296 High street.

## MANIAC ASSAULTS AGED WOMAN AS 2 SONS SLUMBER

Mrs. A. R. Jeffries, 53 years old, 738 Mosby avenue, mother of J. J. Jeffries, Barksdale station patrolman, was criminally assaulted in her home at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning by a white man.  
The patrolman and his brother, R. P. Jeffries, were asleep on an upper floor while their mother, who occupies a room alone on the lower floor, was assaulted.  
Emergency Patrolman Markham and Crum arrested one suspect at 3:30 Tuesday morning. He is John H. Rogers, a hot tomal vendor at Poplar avenue and Dunlap street. He is held for investigation.  
Another white man, an employee of the city stables, High and Mosby street, was being sought by the police and scouring every yard, alleyway, or other place of possible hiding early Tuesday. The man, whose name is withheld, is said to have fled from his work when news of the assault was spread. Thus far he has eluded everyone.

## Had Broken Accent.

Mrs. Jeffries said her assailant talked with a broken accent, evidently being foreign. She said she could identify him by his talk, although the darkened room in which she was subjected to assault rendered it impossible for her to distinguish his features. He was a white man, she was positive.

## Still Weak.

Mrs. Jeffries could not tell a coherent story of the assault. She said she was being choked and she was a strong, rather heavy-set man, she told her sons.

## Threatens Assault.

After the assault the fiend retraced his way through the back rooms and out of the window. As he left he told Mrs. Jeffries, "I am going next door to get the girls over there."

## Threatens Assault.

Mrs. Jeffries pulled herself from bed, dragged her way upstairs where the two sons were sleeping and fell fainting across the bed of R. P. Jeffries. The latter aroused his brother, who had been on duty at the Merry Garden dance hall until midnight, and the two at once gave chase to the intruder.

## Threatens Assault.

The younger Jeffries said that the night watchman at the city stables, who was answering the description furnished by the woman, at that place about 4 o'clock.

## Threatens Assault.

R. P. Jeffries is employed at the Memphis Ice Cream company. He and his brother have been the sole support of their mother since they were youngsters.

## Threatens Assault.

Effort of Lieut. Paul Waggener, police beat officer, to take photographs of finger prints on the Jeffries widow sill, and on the auto belonging to R. P. Jeffries, were futile, as the rain had blurred the marks.

## Sheriff Leaves With Lawyer To Meet Clara Smith

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 21.—Sheriff Buck Garrett and Charles A. Cooley, attorney, left Ardmore today for El Paso to meet Clara Barton Smith sought since Nov. 23, in connection with the death of the late Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman. It was announced here this afternoon by James H. Mathers, counsel for Miss Smith.

## Injured Motorcop Sinking Rapidly

James H. McNeill, police motorcycle officer whose skull was fractured in a collision between his machine and an automobile a week ago, was reported Tuesday to be much worse at St. Joseph's hospital. Physicians removed two large pieces of McNeill's skull and a part of the brain. His entire left side is paralyzed.

## Scout Helpers Go To Orpheum

BY A. GOODFELLOW.  
Fifteen Boy Scouts, who aid in delivery of Goodfellow baskets each year, again will be on the job this Christmas. Thursday night they will sleep at the "Y" and be on the job as early as 4 o'clock Friday morning.  
Thursday evening these scouts will be the guests of Goodfellow J. A. Bertram, manager, Grand National Taylor, press agent, of the Orpheum.  
"Sure, send 'em along," said Taylor, Tuesday. "We are glad to take care of anyone who helps the Santa Claus club."  
Therefore the boys will see Eddie Vogt in his clever little love sketch, see Elsie Plicer dance and sing with stunts of Emil and Willie, as well as several other dandy acts.

## CHANDLER WILL INTRODUCE BILL FOR MARY PLANT

Walter Chandler, senator-elect from Shelby county and chairman of the local legislative delegation, favors the erection and operation of a municipally-owned gas and electric light plant for the city of Memphis.

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Mr. Chandler will introduce a bill in the legislature in January authorizing the issuance of bonds of an amount sufficient to purchase or erect a plant adequate to the needs of the city.

## CHANDLER WILL INTRODUCE BILL FOR MARY PLANT

While Mr. Chandler favors, personally, a municipal gas and electric light plant, the bill that he will introduce will provide that the people of Memphis shall have an opportunity in a referendum election to determine for themselves if bonds shall be issued and if the city shall have its own plant. There is no doubt that Mr. Chandler will have the support of practically the entire delegation of 11 from this county.

## Public Aroused.

The situation was brought to a crisis by the publication of a story in the Commercial Appeal, a story in which the outrageous charges being made by the gas company were exposed. Up to that time the individual consumers had no idea how wide-spread and abnormally large the increases in gas bills were for the month of November.

## Public Aroused.

An investigation revealed the fact that the increases ranged from 50 to 100 per cent, and that practically nobody escaped.

## Public Aroused.

The feeling of helplessness in the present situation has had the effect of crystallizing public sentiment almost unanimously, with the exception of the allied interests, in favor of a gas plant owned and operated by the city.

## Public Aroused.

In order to frighten the people away from favoring this project, an effort is being made to show how great a burden a bond issue for a gas plant at this time would be upon the city.

## Public Aroused.

This situation will be taken care of by the legislative delegation. It is (Continued on Page 15, Column 1.)

## Xmas Presents Go To Stickup Men

While on his way to the train about 7 a. m. Monday to report to his home at Park, Ark., Clarence Harris, a negro farmer, was held up by two negroes at Mulberry street and Vance avenue and robbed of his suitcase, containing two suits of clothes and about \$50 worth of goods he had purchased for Christmas presents.

## Woman Breaks Back When Car Overtakes

Mrs. W. A. Criscent, 232 North Second street is believed to have sustained a broken back and her daughter, Doris, broken injuries, when a Ford, in which they were driving, turned over on the Macon road Tuesday.

## Woman Breaks Back When Car Overtakes

A young man, whose name the daughter refused to divulge, was in the car at the time, but escaped injury. Mrs. Criscent was taken to the Presbyterian Home hospital in Hinton's ambulance.

## BODY FOUND ON BEACH; NO MARKS LEFT AS CLEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A resolution calling for removal of Police Commissioner Enright, under fire in New York's present crime wave, today was introduced at a meeting of the board of aldermen by Alderman Bruce M. Falconer.

## BULLETIN.

(By International News Service.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A murder mystery involving a beautiful woman, was added to New York's crime wave today. A woman, about 30 years of age, dressed in deep mourning, was found on a lonely stretch of sand at Long Beach. She had been shot through the right eye.

## BULLETIN.

Police believe she was murdered elsewhere and her body carried to the beach.  
There were no marks of a struggle around the corpse. No revolver was found. The woman had the appearance of wealth, refinement and education. Her clothing was expensive and bore the imprint of Paris Heller, a fashionable New York modiste. Her hair had been imported from Paris. Her underclothes were silk. A handbag was near the body, but it contained nothing to identify the woman.

## BULLETIN.

Police Commissioner Enright's current order went into effect last night. A number of belated pedestrians were stopped and searched by policemen in unfrequented streets after midnight. Some were found to be carrying loaded revolvers which they explained were for self-protection.

## BULLETIN.

Automobile patrols have been established in some parts of town. The automobiles are filled with men from the strongarm squad who have been withdrawn from Greenwich village, where they were on duty against gangsters.

## CITIZENS GET TWO BANK ROBBERS AFTER BATTLE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 21.—New Jersey's crime wave engulfed Milltown, near here, early today when four men attempted to rob the First National bank. A posse of 30 citizens captured two of the alleged robbers, who are filled with scores of shots were fired.

## CITIZENS GET TWO BANK ROBBERS AFTER BATTLE

A watchman discovered the quarrel and aroused citizens. The fugitives caught gave their names as Frank Voorhes of New Brunswick, formerly an enlisted man in the navy, and Clifford Jackson, of New York. The other pair escaped.

## CITIZENS GET TWO BANK ROBBERS AFTER BATTLE

The other pair escaped. The bank had been entered by digging through a brick wall. Belief was expressed that no cash was gone, although Voorhes was quoted by a detective as saying his companions had fled with a large amount of Liberty bonds.

## CITIZENS GET TWO BANK ROBBERS AFTER BATTLE

Detectives set out to search for the missing pair and also for a woman who was reported to have been seen driving toward the bank in an automobile with the four men.

## Southern League To Open Season On April 13th

The Southern league schedule for the 1921 baseball season will consist of 144 games, according to a decision reached at the morning session of the league magnates at the Peabody hotel Tuesday. There was an attempt to lengthen the season, but the proposal was voted down, and the assembled directors then decided to adopt a 154-game schedule, as was in effect last year.

## Southern League To Open Season On April 13th

Just where the clubs will open is a matter of uncertainty, but Thomas R. Watkins, president of the Memphis club, stated that they would probably open in the same order as last season. He said for one that Memphis would open in Little Rock on Wednesday, April 13, and play two games in Little Rock, then returning to Memphis for three games.

## Southern League To Open Season On April 13th

Nashville will open in Birmingham, Mobile in Atlanta, Chattanooga in New Orleans and Memphis in Little Rock, according to an opinion expressed here by baseball men.

## Southern League To Open Season On April 13th

Much discussion came up over the water price, and late this afternoon the directors were still deadlocked over the proposition. Some of them favored \$300, the present price, others \$400 and others \$500. The indications are that a compromise will be made and that the price will be about \$450.

That the rookie rule will remain untouched was the opinion expressed here this afternoon. The rule now stands nine class A players and six below that class. All clubs played good ball last season and there is the general feeling to continue another year with the same rule as last year in effect.

## Wage Cut Accepted; Now Only \$11 A Day

BROWNWOOD, Tex., Dec. 21.—The Brownwood Bricklayers' union, claiming jurisdiction over 15 counties in this district, announced today it had voluntarily accepted a wage reduction from \$12, the present scale, to \$11 a day. Decreasing living costs was assigned as the reason for accepting the reduction, which becomes effective Jan. 1.

## CINCINNATI JUDGE TO HOLD FEDERAL COURT IN MEMPHIS

(Special to The News-Scimitar.)  
CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—United States Circuit Judge Leval E. Knapp, of Grand Rapids, Mich., as presiding judge of U. S. court of appeals here, today designated United States District Judge John Weld Peck, of Cincinnati, to preside in U. S. district court in Memphis, Tenn., for the January term to take place at the date of U. S. District Judge John E. McCall.

## Thieves Open Drive in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—Three more safes blown in Atlanta, following the cracking of two safes in the Keely company department store Sunday night when robbers secured more than \$15,000, led local police to believe today that several bands of thieves are operating on an extensive scale in this city.

## Naval Carrier Pigeon Found Dead

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 21.—A naval carrier pigeon with tag No. 24 and part of a message, undecipherable, was found dead here today. The appearance of the body indicates that the pigeon had been dead three to five days. Efforts are being made to locate the missing part of the message.

## Jap Runs Amuck; Riot Follows

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Contingent News, Perth, Australia, correspondent says that an armed Japanese, claiming racial equality, ran amuck at Brooke today and a riot resulted. During the fighting two Japanese were killed and others injured, according to the correspondent who adds that troops subsequently patrolled the town and disarmed all the Japanese in it.

## Dog Given Marine Funeral

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—"Spot," a dog, of questionable ancestry, who for three years sailed the seven seas as the much idolized mascot of the crew of the steamship Lake Endroit, today was given a marine funeral with all of the ceremonies incident to the occasion. Today he fell down a hatchway and broke his neck.

## Six Loaded Freight Cars Slip From Ferry

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Six loaded Missouri Pacific freight cars slipped from a ferry boat into the Mississippi river here today, tying up deepwater navigation.

## El Dorado, Kan., Dec. 21.—D. W. Shaffer, C. C. Blue and Charles

Alge, oilmen, were killed when their motor car ran off a bridge seven miles north of here during a storm.



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